

Department of Correction
Testimony of Leo C. Arnone, Commissioner

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Raised Bill No. 6642, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission*

Good morning, Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee. While unable to be present this morning, I just wish to go on record regarding Raised Bill No. 6642, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission*.

The Department is in compliance with the current standards, which are in draft form, based on our interpretation of them. The standards are scheduled to be finalized at the end of this year. A majority of the states have expressed issues and concerns with the proposed standards. As a result, the final standards will contain a number of significant revisions. In the interim, the Department has created an audit tool and conducts internal audits to ensure compliance with the current standards. The Department would be happy to report to you during the 2012 General Assembly, the status of the Commission's recommendations and the Department's compliance with them.

Below for your information is a link to the Department's Administrative Directive, 6.12, *Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Policy*:

<http://www.ct.gov/doc/LIB/doc/PDF/AD/ad0612.pdf>